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In the Application of:

Milan Kratka

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Examiner: **Clement B. Graham**

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FOR COMPUTING FINANCIAL
DERIVATIVES**



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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the non-final Office Action, mailed October 1, 2002, in the above-entitled Application. A Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time is filed concurrently herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 are pending in the Application. Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Miloje Makivic U.S. Patent 6,061,662. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection, for the following reasons.

First, Applicant's invention is based on, and expressly includes, qualitative and quantitative utilization of the various risks associated with derivatives into pricing of these